GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2702
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MONITORING OF SNOW AND RAIN IN HIMALAYAS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has any proposal to install radars to monitor snow and rain in the Himalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the radars are likely to be installed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to install two Doppler Weather Radars in the Himalayas in collaboration with Snow and Avalanches Study Establishment of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) with capability to monitor snow, avalanches, rain and other severe weather events in the Himalayas.

(c) It is planned to install these radars in the time frame of 2010-11.